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SUBJECT: CAMP DAVID: PREPARING FOR FAILURE?

SUMMARY. PRESS SEPTEMBER 13 HIGHLIGHTS CONCERN THAT CAMP  
DAVID SUMMIT WILL END WITHOUT MEASURABLE PROGRESS. CARTER  
GIVEN FULL MARKS FOR EXERTING MAJOR EFFORT, HE IS SEEN  
AS PLAYING ROLE OF FULL PARTNER, BUT BEGIN REMAINS  
INTRANSIGENT. ISRAEL HAS NOT CHANGED ITS STANCE. LATEST  
ISRAELI PROPOSALS, AS AMENDED BY U.S. SIDE, UNDER  
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CONSIDERATION BY SADAT. NEXT FEW HOURS VIEWED AS DECISIVE.  
ALL HOPES PINNED ON PRESIDENT CARTER. FOR SUCCESS, A  
MIRACLE WILL BE NEEDED.

1. HEADLINES. AHRAM SEPTEMBER 13 HEADLINES CAMP DAVID  
NEARING END WITHOUT VITAL PROGRESS. CONFERENCE CONFRONTING  
BASIC OBSTACLES; DIFFERENCES REMAIN DEEP. ACCORDING

AKHBAR, CONFERENCE OUTCOME WILL BE DEFINED TODAY. CARTER EXERTING MAJOR EFFORTS BUT GAP REMAINS; BEGIN HAS NOT CHANGED HIS STANCE. ATMOSPHERE OF PESSIMISM PREVAILS DESPITE CONTINUOUS SESSIONS. GUMHURIYYA, SIMILARLY, HEADLINES BEGIN'S INTRANSIGENCE THREATENS FAILURE.

2. DECISIVE. AHRAM'S TEAM AT CAMP DAVID CLAIMS ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT SUMMIT ENTERING DECISIVE TWO DAYS WITH NO SIGN OF MAJOR PROGRESS. PAPER QUOTES WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN POWELL AS SAYING MEETINGS LIKELY CONTINUE FOR FURTHER TWO DAYS BUT FUTURE BEYOND THAT UNCLEAR. REPORTS (UNSOURCED) EMANATING FROM CAMP DAVID INDICATE SUMMIT IS FACING DANGEROUS OBSTACLES AND THAT CARTER'S EFFORTS WITH PM BEGIN HAVE NOT BORNE FRUIT. AHRAM NOTES FOURTH TRIPARTITE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING STILL NOT SET. POWELL STATEMENT THAT TALKS NOT DEADLOCKED HIGHLIGHTED, AS IS SPOKESMAN'S OBSERVATION THAT CONFERENCE OUTCOME UNCLEAR.

3. WIRE SERVICES. PRESS QUOTES WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS TO EFFECT USG HAS PRESENTED EGYPT WITH MODIFICATIONS OF ISRAELI PROPOSALS. THESE REVISIONS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY EGYPTIAN DELEGATION. ACCORDING REUTERS, PROPOSALS CONCERN FUTURE OF WEST BANK AND GAZA. ABC, HOWEVER, SUGGESTS DIFFERENCES REMAIN ON SINAI, WHERE ISRAEL INSISTING ON MAINTAINING BASES TO COUNTER POTENTIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SAUDI THREAT. AFP QUOTED AS SAYING CARTER A "FULL PARTNER" IN NEGOTIATIONS, PERFORMING ROLE REMINISCENT OF KISSINGER'S EARLIER SHUTTLES. NBC, ALONE, SAID TO HAVE REPORTED EGYPT CONSIDERED LATEST PROPOSALS SO POSITIVE THAT SADAT TELEPHONED HUSSEIN TO URGE HIM JOIN CAMP DAVID DISCUSSIONS. (ELSEWHERE, PAPERS NOTE POWELL CONFIRMED SADAT/HUSSEIN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITHOUT REVEALING ANY SUBSTANCE.)

4. HODA TEWFIK. ACCORDING GUMHURIYYA'S HODA TEWFIK, CARTER FOUND LATEST ISRAELI PROPOSALS CONTAINED NOTHING NEW. SHE CLAIMS OUTCOME OF TALKS WILL BE DETERMINED DURING NEXT FEW HOURS, INDICATING RESULTS ARE LIKELY TO BE NEGATIVE--BEGIN'S INTRANSIGENCE THREATENS SUMMIT WITH FAILURE. NEVERTHELESS, TEWFIK READS POSTPONEMENT OF SESSION BETWEEN FULL U.S. AND EGYPTIAN DELEGATIONS AS SUGGESTING EGYPTIAN SIDE CAREFULLY STUDYING LATEST ISRAELI PROPOSAL.

5. EDITORIALS. EDITORIAL COMMENT MIRRORS NEWS REPORTS. AKHBAR POSITS ALL HOPES PINNED ON PRESIDENT CARTER IN COMING HOURS. WHEN CARTER CALLED FOR SUMMIT, ALL

BELIEVED HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO CHANGE BEGIN'S STUBBORN  
STAND, PUTTING DIRECT PRESSURE ON ISRAELI LEADER. HOW-  
EVER, DESPITE CARTER'S INTENSIVE EFFORTS DURING RECENT  
DAYS, DIFFERENCES ARE STILL DEEP. AKHBAR QUESTIONS  
WHETHER, IN LAST FEW HOURS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A  
MIRACLE WILL OCCUR.

6. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE? ACCORDING TO GUMHURIYYA, SHOULD  
DISCUSSIONS END WITHOUT DECISIVE RESULT, THIS WILL HAVE  
NEGATIVE CONNOTATION FOR ENTIRE WORLD. PAPER CLAIMS  
BEGIN REGARDS DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS AS END IN THEMSELVES  
AND, THEREFORE, IS UNCONCERNED ABOUT CONFERENCE OUTCOME

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SO LONG AS TALKS CONTINUE. GUMHURIYYA, TOO, MAINTAINS  
SUMMIT OUTCOME UP TO CARTER. PAPER ASKS WHETHER, IF  
BEGIN'S INTRANSIGENCE LEADS TO FAILURE, WILL U.S.  
PRESIDENT "STAND STILL"?

7. ARAB LEAGUE. SPEAKING AT OPENING OF ARAB LEAGUE  
COUNCIL EVENING SEPTEMBER 12, EGYPT'S JUSTICE MINISTER  
ATTIYA DEFENDED SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE. ATTIYA  
STRONGLY DENIED EGYPT SEEKING "EGYPTIAN SOLUTION FOR AN  
EGYPTIAN PROBLEM" BUT WANTS A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLE-  
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MENT ESTABLISHING PEACE,BASED ON JUSTICE, THROUGHOUT  
THE MIDDLE EAST. EGYPT'S GOAL, ATTIYA MAINTAINED, IS  
TO ENSURE,FOR THE FIRST TIME,THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF  
THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. VP MUBARAK, SPEAKING AT A  
POLITICAL RALLY, SPOKE SIMILARLY IN STATING THAT SADAT,  
AT CAMP DAVID, IS FIGHTING FOR PEACE, FOR EGYPT AND  
FOR THE ARAB NATION FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE GULF.  
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